

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 545 - SB 1437

April 5, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires an institutional parole officer to meet with an incarcerated individual to create a release plan within one year of the individual's release eligibility date (RED). Requires the Board of Parole (BOP) to conduct a hearing to determine the individual's fitness for parole upon his or her RED.

Removes a finding that the release from custody at the time would depreciate the seriousness of the crime of which the defendant was convicted or promote disrespect for the law as a consideration for the BOP in denying parole.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006636): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are to: (1) continue a finding that the release from custody at the time would depreciate the seriousness of the crime of which the defendant was convicted or promote disrespect for the law to be a consideration for the BOP in denying parole; (2) specify that an employee of the Department of Correction, rather than an institutional parole officer, is required to meet with an incarcerated individual to create a release plan within one year of the individual's RED; and (3) continue the requirement for BOP to conduct such a hearing within a reasonable time prior to or upon the individual's RED.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will be accomplished utilizing existing BOP resources. Any fiscal impact to BOP is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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